

secretly too much to suppose, that the previous instances of devastation were as sweeping as the last, and that the process of resettling, ransacked regions from other provinces, chiefly from those north of the Yangtze, and since again united under one rule, did not undergo such protracted struggles on the change of dynasties, has been repeatedly applied within the long range of the history of China.

If this supposition should prove correct, it would explain, better than any other cause that may be suggested, the wonderful amalgamation into one homogeneous whole of the various elements that must, in former ages have been distributed through the vast area of the Chinese Empire, not only as regards the language, but also in respect to manners, and customs, religion, and physical type. It is a fusion of this kind which is performing itself under our eyes in the southern part of Nanyang. The immigrants speak several varieties of Mandarin dialect, all of which differ from the native dialect of the province in which they live, and one day will witness daily the most ludicrous instances of linguistic confusion and misunderstanding. In a few decades, the fusion of these various dialects into one will be completed, and the new language will probably be a nearer approach to the northern mandarin dialect than that which is now spoken in Nanyang. The same consideration would apply with equal force to the physical type, to superstitions, and customs, and, perhaps, to the form of religion, if similar differences did prevail in these respects as they do exist with regard to the language. There can be no doubt that wide and well marked distinctions in all these respects have existed in the early days, when, in the northwestern corner of the present Empire, the Chinese, as a distinct nation, got into power under the Tsin dynasty. But get into power under the Tsin dynasty, as the Southern Chinese, and in particular the Szechwanese, the Nanyang, which are divided up in many distinct basins having even at the present day very limited communication with each other, was originally inhabited by ever so many tribes, differing among each other in type, and manners and language, and distinct from the present Chinese, the conquering Chinese parts by borders or armies from the North, and the Chinese of the North, and the Chinese of the South, and the Chinese of the North, would, if often repeated, have been sufficiently powerful processes for gradually spreading over the whole Empire that peculiar type of the human family which we know as the modern Chinese.

I will now conclude these remarks on southern Nanyang, reserving some words in respect to the general resources of the country for my next letter, when I shall be enabled to treat the matter conjointly with the same subject as regards the neighbouring region of Nanking and Chinkiang.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.
SEPTEMBER 25th, MORNING.
The market for Bengal drug has kept quiet and weak during the last two days; consumption, owing to high prices, still continues to be slow. The following may be taken as the ruling prices:
Patna, 970 to 975 cash, sellers, with no buyers. Patna on time, 9th sales, 970 to 975, nominal. Malwa, 960 to 965 for old drug, and 960 to 965 for new soft drug, at which sales have been made to the extent of about 100 casks of first quality.

EXCHANGE.
On London—Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 4/3 to 4/3 1/2
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On New York—Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 4/3 to 4/3 1/2
Bank Bills, at 3 months' sight, 4/3 to 4/3 1/2
Private, 5 months' sight, 4/3 to 4/3 1/2
On Hongkong—Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 22 1/2 to 22 1/2
Bank, 3 days' sight, 22 1/2 to 22 1/2
Bank, 15 days' sight, 22 1/2 to 22 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight, 22 1/2 to 22 1/2

SHARES.
Hongkong Bank Shares, Old—67 to 70 per cent. premium.
Hongkong Bank Shares, New—55 to 58 per cent. premium.
Union Assurance Society of Canton, new shares—\$1,200 per share premium.
China Traders Insurance Company's Shares—\$300 per share premium.
China and Japan Marine Insurance—75 to 90 per share premium.
Chinese Insurance Company—\$95 per share premium.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$75 per share premium.
Victoria Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$75 per share premium.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—22 1/2 per cent. discount.
Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—35 to 37 per cent. prem.
Shanghai Steam Navigation Company—110 per share premium.
China Sea, Saigon, and Straits Steam Navigation Company—par.
China and Straits Steam Navigation Company—25 per cent. discount.
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$60 per share.
Hongkong Cold Storage Company's Shares—60 per cent. discount.
Hongkong Distillery Company—10 per cent. premium, nominal.
Indo-Chinese Sugar Company—\$11 per share discount.

SALES ON SEPTEMBER 25th, 1871.
As reported by officials.
Sago Rice, 8,000 piculs, at \$2.45, by Hop-hing to Hongkong merchant.
Sago Rice, 500 piculs, at \$2.45, by Hop-hing to travelling merchant.
Black Beans, 300 piculs, at \$1.50, by Hop-hing to Canton merchant.
Bombay Cotton, 25 bales, at \$15.50, by Parsee merchant to Tientsin.
Celtica Cotton, 47 bales, at \$15.50, by foreign merchant to Man-hing.
Elephants' Teeth, 24 pieces, at \$224.50, by Fook-mow-joong to travelling merchant.
Widow Way, 4 casks, at \$38.50, by Fook-mow-joong to travelling merchant.
Tin, 20 slabs, at \$34.00, by Fook-mow-joong to travelling merchant.
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